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3		TABERNER, Carlos	ESP	
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20		ATMANE, Terence	FRA	
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27	WC	PRIZMIC, Dino	CRO	
28		MOLLER, Elmer	DEN	
29		TSENG, Chun-Hsin	TPE	
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32	2	DARDERI, Luciano	ITA	

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Qualifying Singles

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12	6	BLANCHET, Ugo	FRA	64 36 62	
13	4	CORIA, Federico	ARG	G. Zeppieri	
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Qualifying Round 1	Qualifying Round 2	Qualifier
€ 1,7450 pts	€ 3,2007 pts	€ 013 pts

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ORDER OF PLAY - MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

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	<i>Starts At 16:30</i>	<i>Starts At 16:30</i>	<i>Starts At 16:30</i>	<i>Starts At 16:30</i>
1.	Chun-Hsin TSENG (TPE) VS [Q] Giulio ZEPIERI (ITA)	Carlos TABERNER (ESP) VS Pierre-Hugues HERBERT (FRA)	George GOLDHOFF (USA) Gregoire JACQ (FRA) VS [WC] Luka MIKRUT (CRO) Mili POLJICAK (CRO)	Vasil KIRKOV (USA) Bart STEVENS (NED) VS Karol DRZEWIECKI (POL) Ray HO (TPE)
	<i>Not Before 18:00</i>	<i>Followed By</i>	<i>Followed By</i>	<i>Followed By</i>
2.	Dusan LAJOVIC (SRB) VS Terence ATMANE (FRA)	[Q] Titouan DROGUET (FRA) VS Cristian GARIN (CHI)	[7] Kamil MAJCHRZAK (POL) VS [Q] Pablo LLAMAS RUIZ (ESP)	Marcelo DEMOLINER (BRA) Sander GILLE (BEL) VS [PR] Guillermo DURAN (ARG) Camilo UGO CARABELLI (ARG)
	<i>Not Before 21:00</i>	<i>Followed By</i>	<i>Followed By</i>	<i>Followed By</i>
3.	[Q] Alvaro GUILLEN MEZA (ECU) VS Stan WAWRINKA (SUI)	Tomas BARRIOS VERA (CHI) VS [5] Mariano NAVONE (ARG)	[6] Roberto CARBALLES BAENA (ESP) VS Nikoloz BASILASHVILI (GEO)	[WC] Matej DODIG (CRO) Nino SERDARUSIC (CRO) VS [4] Romain ARNEODO (MON) Manuel GUINARD (FRA)

Tournament Director:

Tomislav Poljak

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Singles Lucky-Loser Sign-in Deadline: 16:00
Doubles Alternate Sign-in Deadline: 16:00

ATP Supervisor(s):

Gerry Armstrong

Referee(s):

Mila Mandl

Tour Manager:

MATEJ DODIG STARTED WELL, BUT FAILED TO REPEAT LAST YEAR'S RESULT FROM UMAG

Matej Dodig failed to repeat last year's result from Plava Laguna Croatia Open. Then, in his first appearance at ATP tournaments, he reached the last sixteen, but this time he stopped at the first hurdle. He got off to a great start, winning the first set, but in the end the Italian Francesco Passaro was more successful, winning 4:6, 6:1, 6:2.

In the first set, only one lost serve was decisive for Dodig's lead of 5:4, and again the 20-year-old from Osijek threatened at the beginning of the second set, with a break point at 1:1. However, he did not take advantage of that, and, from that moment on, the balance of power completely changed: the Italian, 131st on the ATP ranking, did not lose a game again until the end of the set. In the third set, Passaro, after 1:1, won four games and the winner was decided.

"Up until the third game of the second set, I felt like I was in control of the situation, but then I lost it, he got better, and we saw the result. Of course, this is an experience that can help me," said Matej and thanked the organizer for the invitation he received for the main tournament. When asked what his next goal was, he added: "I missed the opportunity here to win points that would have taken me into the US Open qualifiers. Now the goal is to enter the Australian Open qualifiers at the beginning of the next season."

Last season, Dodig also played in Umag thanks to an invitation, getting through the first round, only to be stopped by the eventual winner of the tournament, the Argentinian Francesco Cerundolo. Now he has arrived at the Croatia Open with his recent first title at the ATP Challengers in Trieste, and this week he reached his career-best ranking of 246th. However, he failed to get past Passaro.

The Czech, Vit Kopriva, also won a place in the last 16, defeating the Belgian Raphael Collignon (3:6, 6:4, 6:3). This was the debut appearance for both of them in Umag, both of them are within reach of the best ranking in their careers, and after this outcome, the Czech (83rd on the ATP ranking) could surpass him on



Monday. The Belgian had a set and an early break (6:3, 1:0), but Kopriva after that was fired-up, and eventually reached his seventh victory at ATP tournaments this season, also his seventh on clay.

The program continues on Monday, and the main event in the singles (not before 21:00) will be the match between Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka and Ecuador's Alvaro Guillen Meza. Wawrinka, who turned 40, has one title won in Umag and one final. In the doubles competition, the first-round matches will be played by two Croatian doubles partners – Luka Mikrut and Mili Poljičak, and Matej Dodig and Nino Serdarušić.



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LUKA MIKRUT FAILS AFTER ALL TO QUALIFY FOR THE MAIN TOURNAMENT



Four Croatian tennis players will not be playing in the main event of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open, as was the case last year. Luka Mikrut fell at the last hurdle, after being defeated 6:3, 6:1 by Ecuadorian Álvaro Guillén Meza, ranked 223rd on the ATP list.

The beginning of the match didn't give any indication of such an outcome. Luka had three consecutive break points for 2:0, but he did not use them, and, in the end, it turned out that these were the only opportunities to break the opponent's serve. Guillén Meza made a break for 3:2 and by the end of the match he had only given up two more games to his opponent. His next opponent, at the start of the main tournament, will be the Swiss Stan Wawrinka.

The Frenchman Titouan Droguet, Spaniard Pablo Llamas Ruiz and Italian Giulio Zeppieri also qualified.



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SPANIARD CARLOS TABERNER MARKED THE START OF THIS YEAR'S KIDS WEEK BY PODRAVKA



Famous Spanish tennis player Carlos Taberner was the main star of the opening of this year's first Kids Week by Podravka, which is traditionally held as part of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag. On the court, he socialized with children from Croatia, Poland, Italy and Ukraine, who happily showed him their tennis skills.

The little athletes got the chance to play tennis with him, and with their talent and energy they won the sympathy of everyone present, both on and off the court. The best ones also won prizes from sponsor Babolat – shorts, bicycle grips, toy dumper trucks and key rings.

At the end of this sports gathering, Taberner handed out autographs, and as a special surprise, Lino from Podravka and Pepi, the mascot of Plava Laguna, appeared, which made the little participants even happier.



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SPORT, LAUGHTER AND GOOD ENERGY: WATER TENNIS AND MEETING WITH FANS IN UMAG



Numerous tennis players who have arrived in Umag this year to compete for the prestigious title of winner of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag, in addition to excelling on the tennis courts in front of a large audience, also enjoy using their free time to try interesting and out of the ordinary activities off the court.

One of the most enjoyable among them is certainly SUP(er) water tennis, a challenge that Triglav insurance has prepared again this year. It is a sports challenge that combines tennis and the skill of balancing on a stand-up paddleboard (SUP). Already in the first days of the tournament, tennis player Pierre-Hugues Herbert tried his hand at this unusual activity.

In a half hour filled with laughter, competitive spirit and some inevitable swimming, the tennis players showed that they are just as good off the court - playing tennis on water. All visitors who want to try this unique combination of balance and tennis skills are welcome to participate in the challenge.

In addition to attractive sporting activities, the tournament also offers the opportunity to socialize with famous tennis players. The famous Croatian tennis player Ivan Dodig made time for his fans as part of the 'Offensive Corner', answering their questions, signing tennis balls and posing for joint photos, which will certainly remain a fond memory for many.



THE FEBRA BAND IGNITED THE ATMOSPHERE, AND THE BEST MUSICAL MOMENTS AT UMAG MUSIC NIGHTS ARE YET TO COME



The Umag audience has already had the opportunity to feel the real summer energy, as the energetic Istrian band Febra made them sing and dance. Their imaginative arrangements of timeless hits, enriched with a touch of pop, jazz, soul, blues and the inevitable rockabilly charm, warmed up the atmosphere and once again confirmed that Umag is the right place for a combination of great music, dance and good fun.

But the real musical highlights are yet to come! At the beginning of the week, visitors can expect a musical treat - a spectacular Super Star Show Tribute band that will take them through the greatest hits of all time and remind them of legends like Freddy Mercury, Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, but also modern stars like Bruno Mars and Lady Gaga.

On Tuesday, July 22nd, the queen of the domestic entertainment scene, Maja Šuput, will take the stage, guaranteeing an unforgettable evening filled with dancing, hits and fun until the early hours of the morning. The highlight of the week comes on Wednesday, July 23rd, when the global DJ icon Steve Aoki arrives in Umag. His performance brings adrenaline, a production spectacle and music that fills dance floors around the world. The following evening, July 24th, the audience will be captivated by another giant of the electronic scene, Tujamo, whose energetic sets tirelessly fill the dance floors of the world's largest festivals. Friday, July 25th brings a musical surprise to remember - a performance by one of the most sought-after domestic artists at the moment, Baby Lasagna, who will bring the atmosphere to a climax. Finally, on Saturday, July 26th, the finale of Umag Music Nights will be marked by the legendary Fedde Le Grand, one of the most influential DJs of the electronic scene, whose house rhythms and hits guarantee a memorable ending.

Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag once again proves that tennis and music together make the perfect summer story, as unforgettable moments, filled with top-notch sport, music and good vibes, are in store throughout the week.



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THE HIDDEN CHARMS OF ISTRIAN WINES: TASTINGS NOT TO BE MISSED



Yesterday evening, the first evening of wine tastings "Hidden Charms of Istrian Wines" was held in the Taste Istria zone. Under the expert guidance of sommelier Lucija Matijević and with the participation of winemakers Benčić, Cattunar and Dešković, the audience had the opportunity to enter the world of young Malvasia.

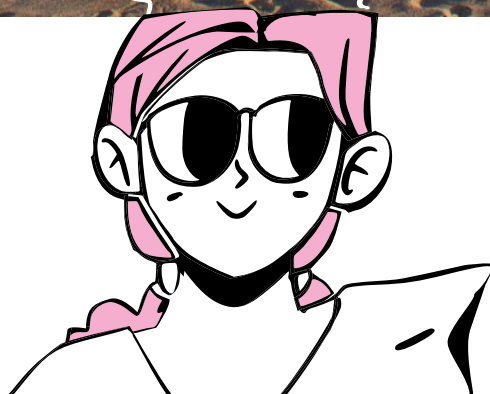
While numerous wine lovers tasted the wines "blindly", the HSK (Croatian Sommelier Club) sommelier introduced them to the specifics of this Istrian variety, and they talked about the terroir of each winemaker and the challenges that each new vintage brings.

The tastings, which are a kind of homage to Istrian wines, continue today at 21.00, and tonight's topic is aged Teran.



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TOMISLAV POLJAK, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

A RICH AND INTERESTING PROGRAM AWAITS US ON MONDAY



We started with the 35th edition of the Plava Laguna Croatia Open, and unfortunately for Croatian fans, the first day of the main tournament and the final day of the qualifiers brought defeats for our players. First, Luka Mikrut may have been a little burnt out in his desire and expectations in the match in which we all expected more. He did not show his best tennis, in slow conditions, in which he did not find a solution against the agile Ecuadorian. It is a shame, because advancing to the main tournament would have meant a lot to him, both in terms of points and self-confidence. He did not play tennis as he did against Trungelitti the day before, but I believe that we will be able to see him at his best again.

Matej Dodig was no longer able to match Francesco Passaro after the first set. The evening conditions in Umag are not what suits his game, if he had been on a different schedule, that is to say in the daytime program, the match would probably have ended differently. But he got prime time, the stands well-packed, a great atmosphere... He did not find a solution for Passaro's "all-round" tennis.

Moving on, Dino Prižmić is coming from San Marino after another final at the ATP Challengers. Mili Poljičak has been here for a few days and is preparing for another appearance in the main tournament. Both will play on Tuesday.

Before that, there's the great Stan Wawrinka. After the qualifiers were drawn, I think Luka Mikrut was even more sorry that he didn't win, because this gave his opponent the chance to face the world tennis legend and three-time Grand Slam winner.

On Monday we will have a very rich program, it will be played on four courts, because not only will the first round of singles matches continue, but we will also start with the doubles competition. I am very interested in the performance of Dušan Lajović, a former Umag winner who knows all the secrets of these courts, because he has performed countless times both in the ATP tournament and in his junior days. Two masters of the one-handed backhand await us, one after the other, and I am looking forward to that day in which there will be many interesting matches.

COLUMN BY GORAN IVANIŠEVIĆ

MATEJ IS GOOD, BUT THERE IS ALSO A LOT OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT



We opened the main tournament, but not as we wished for when it comes to Croatian tennis, because Matej Dodig did not make it. He started well, but I have the impression that he ran out of steam. And then there was no longer hope. He could not match his opponent, who made good use of that, and then it was difficult to get back into the match. It's a shame in any case, because Matej had a good draw and avoided players who were ranked much higher than the opponent he had in the first round. But we saw that Passaro is not a complete nonentity, after all, last year he played in the third round in Rome and was better than Grigor Dimitrov twice, just to mention it...

I like Matej, both as a person and as a player, in the sense that he could do a lot, but here we saw what he needs to work on a lot if he wants to really make progress. There are a lot of things he can improve. For example, his serve, which I would even say is bad considering his height. He needs to learn when to come forward, how to use the court better... Otherwise, he is quick handed, has a fast forehand, he is good, but above all, he

needs to improve his serve, that is what can really push him forward.

He is young, he has time, he will learn, and if he continues to dedicate himself to improving his game, I think he can do a lot. In that sense, this defeat has a positive side, because it showed what he lacks to be competitive with ATP players, and that is the level he wants to reach.

On Monday, except in the doubles, we won't see any Croatian players, but we'll have something to watch. I think everyone is eagerly awaiting to see Stan Wawrinka again, maybe for the last time, because he has reached the end of his top career. So much success, Grand Slam titles won, big victories... and then with the beautiful tennis he plays.

I'm sure I don't need to explain his one-handed backhand to anyone, especially tennis fans who know that his performance of that shot is perfection. Certainly, one of the best ever, and maybe the best ever. Stan is not in great shape at the moment, but if he is "in his element" it will be a great tennis experience.

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